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W. Markrich, CIA Official, Dies at 53

Memorial services are set for tomorrow for William L. Markrich, 53, an administrative assistant with the Central Intelligence Agency, who died Saturday following a brief illness and a heart attack.

Dr. Markrich was a political analyst specializing in Latin American affairs with the Central Intelligence Agency. He was also an expert linguist, speaking fluently more than six languages.

Dr. Markrich came to the United States from his native Germany in 1940. At that time he held a law degree from the University of Genoa in Italy, and after coming here, studied at the University of Washington, where he received his Master's degree in Romance languages, and at the University of California, where he obtained his Doctorate in that field. He also studied at the University of Grenoble, in France.

He taught Romance languages at the University of California and Saint Mary's College from 1947 to 1951, and following that time went with the CIA.

Dr. Markrich was born in Bremen, Germany Oct. 2, 1914. He was a member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Lilo Markrich, of the home, 3811 North Vernon Street in Arlington; four children, Julia, Sandra, Michael, and Jonathan Markrich; his mother, Mrs. Johanna Markrich of San Francisco, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Schwarz of Saint Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Irene Fischel of Berkely, Calif.

Services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Massachusetts Ave. and Macomb Streets, N. W. Interment will be in the Washington Hebrew Congregation Cemetery.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy be made to the Heart Research Fund of Georgetown University Hospital.

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